



Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 1, 2016

Present:

Terry Hill
Steven Marker
Grant Murrell
Stacy Talus

Absent:

Cathi Forsythe
Michael Kirby
Council Liaison Ed Bejarana

Staff:

Harry Smith, Interim Police Chief
Kristi Walls, Records Specialist

1. Call to order:

Meeting was opened by Chair Marker at 5:56 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Roll was called by Kristi Walls, Records Specialist
Please see the above list for present and absent committee members.

3. Approval of minutes:

Chair Marker moved to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes. Member Murrell seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Citizens wishing to speak on non-agenda items:

No Citizens wishing to speak.

Chair Marker Is working on getting something going for Emergency Management for National Night Out. He wants to thank Counselor Cooper for all his help. He really appreciates it. He also wants to thank Chris Voss, Director of Emergency Management Multnomah County for speaking tonight.

Chair Marker also brought up the fact that when the transients get moved from the Springwater Trail area, he is concerned that the transients may move into the Salish Ponds area.

Member Murrell told the group how Gresham has closed off areas of the Springwater Trail due to environmental issues.

Chief Smith told the group that this is very much on the cities radar. He is currently working with Director Berry on a plan to approach this issue.

Vice Chair Talus told the group that of the 36 new students they had last year, they all qualified for Chapter 10. In other words they were all homeless.

Chair Marker said unfortunately he was not able to get something planned for National Night Out. And he did speak with a Council Member about possible setting up something on Emergency Management for Fairview on the Green. However he thought that the Council was not interested in having PSAC at this event.

5. Presentations: Chris Voss, Director of Emergency Management Multnomah County

Chris started out by introducing himself and offering his services. He has a lot of different materials in stock and he is happy to share anything that we may need.

Chris has been in the Emergency Management field for 20 years now. He feels that it is very necessary to plan for an emergency. An Earthquake in our area is inevitable. Terrorism is a big concern also.

Chris gave figures on what to expect when a big emergency, such as an earthquake hits. Some figures included the amount of injured people, how many people will need food, and others.

Member Hill asked if Fairview would have flooding on top of the areas that will be liquefied. Fairview will have liquefaction somewhere. It could be the river. Member Hill also asked how much time we will have to get people out of the area if the waters were rising. Chris said a Tsunami would not make it this far to impact us. The water will cause homes to tilt off the foundations.

Chris also talked about the roadways that will be damaged. The Airport that will be flooded and unreinforced masonry buildings that will collapse. With roads being inaccessible and the airport inoperable, the trouble this causes for help to come.

Some things to keep in mind are: Multiple power outages, fuel supplies will be out, water supply, where will it come from? Hospitals could be closed. Transportation routes will be damaged and resources will be scarce.

Chair Marker asked, when the big one hits how does FEMA come and help citizens. Chris said that there are a lot of resources available. It depends on who needs it the most and who can get there the quickest. The Coast Guard will probably head to the coast. Urban Search and Rescue usually search unreinforced masonry buildings. He does not expect FEMA to set up and help immediately.

Chair Marker made the comment that our Council Liaison told us that we would be on our own for 7 to 10 days. Chris Voss said the Federal Government will start showing up within a couple days. It's usually dependent on if roadways are available and airports are functional. The first two weeks will be the hardest.

Member Hill asked about using the water ways for supplies. Chris said that assessments would need to be done for water way use and bridges will have collapsed. Naval support will be on the coast and if they can move up river they will.

Chair marker asked about the bridges downtown Portland. Chris said that the bridges don't fair very well. We will need one or two clear roadways to bring in emergency supplies. Chris believes that the new Tillicum Bridge will survive. Anything built before the 80's won't do well. Chair Marker asked how Fairview and Wood village will do compared to other areas. Chris thought that Fairview area will probably do okay. Fairview has newer buildings. We will have liquefaction. This usually doesn't kill. The main goal will be to keep people alive until help comes. Survivability is good.

Chief Smith reminded people that when the big one hits, we will have to keep in mind that whatever force is on duty is what we will be dealing with for quite a while until more help can arrive. We will need to harness the resources that are in place.

Chris reminded the group that if you wait to do assessments, you've probably waited too long.

Chair Marker asked about storing supplies in large trailers secured on cement slabs. He asked if he thought it was a good idea for the city to buy supplies and store them. Chris feels like the best approach is to have citizens prepare for an emergency themselves. He does expect a lot of camaraderie amongst neighbors helping each other out.

Member Hill asked Chris what is the best way to supply water, storage or filters. Chris told the group that water is stored across the US just for emergencies. Cities with well water are in the best situation.

Chair Marker asked what would be the chain of command for asking for help and resources. Chris said request would go directly to the county. If county cannot fulfill the need they would go to the state and finally the federal government.

Chris feels that an early warning system will be in place in the Northwest within the next 5 years.

Seismic upgrades are being done right now to Reynolds Middle School. It will be able to be used as a shelter. Mt Hood Community College will also be a shelter and communication hub.

Chris said that the city should have a coop plan and have a yearly drill.

6. Committee Presentations:

None

7. Old Business:

*Cost of Printing Emergency Booklet

Interim Chief Smith is working on final figures for printing the booklet.

Member Hill spoke with Chris about some free ligature. Chris will put together a packet of everything that he has for free.

Interim Chief Smith has found out that Gresham has their Neighborhood Watch and Emergency preparedness programs intertwined. Interim Chief Smith will be scheduling some time to meet with them and see how these two programs work together.

*Distribution of Booklet

Interim Chief Smith suggested mailings, events, web site and City Hall. Also add information to the monthly newsletter.

*Update on Short Term Emergency Response Plan

Interim Chief Smith and City Administrator will be meeting with Council Liaison in a week or two.

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Chair Marker and Counselor Cooper felt the flip chart was directed more towards The City rather than individuals.

9. New Business:

Chair Marker motioned to cancel the September meeting. Member Hill seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Adjournment:

Chair Marker motioned for adjournment. Member Murrell seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

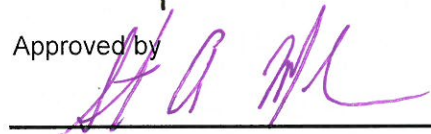
Next meeting is scheduled for October 3rd, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

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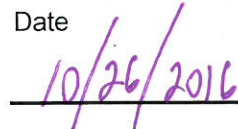
Kristi Walls
Records Specialist
08/12/2016

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